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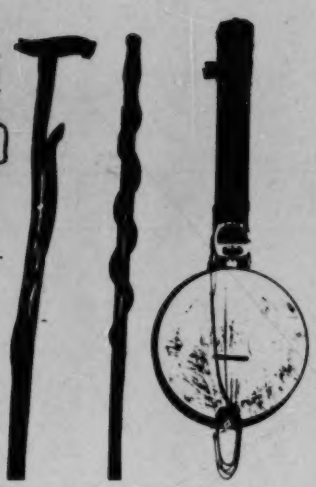
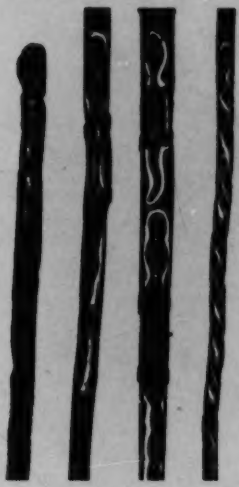


IIIa. Carved sticks and handmade banjo



IIIb. Carved sticks

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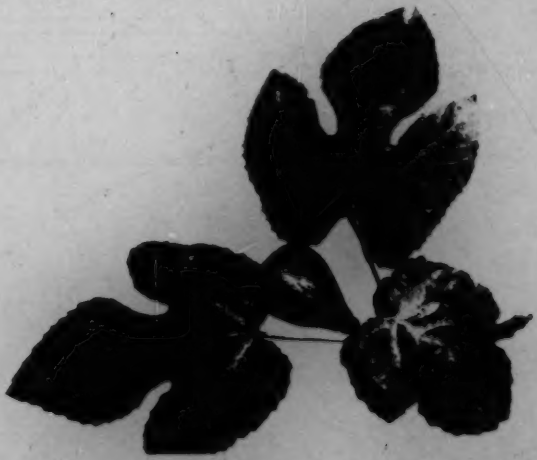

IIIc. Carved stone fig

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jects were old coins, a pistol, and a pocketbook made of shells clamped together with metal bands. The most significant item, however, was a carved stone fig (Plate IIIc).[A] The grainy texture and the slight splits in the skin had been executed with great skill. The fig had been carried as a charm by the old man's ancestor, but where this forebear had obtained it we were unable to learn.[8, 32, 34c]

On the Ogeechee Road not far from Brownville we came in contact with a Negro * whose favorite pastime was carving.[70a**] He showed us the figure of a man (Plate IVb),[B] about twenty-seven inches high, with heavy shoulders and torso overbalancing the lower part of the figure. The head was large and square, the eyes were painted on roughly, and the nose and mouth were attached pieces of wood. A wooden crane and other birds carved by the same man bore a crude, primitive stamp.[70c, d, g]

Near by on the Ogeechee Road we found Tony William Delegal,** an old man (Plate VII),[C] well over one hundred years old, who was formerly a slave of Major John Thomas, Harris Neck, plantation owner. His dark eyes are filmed, his once powerful shoulders are bent, but Uncle Tony can still recall incidents which took place during his childhood on the plantation. Sitting on the front porch of his daughter's house, he sang an African song to us. Unfortunately he did not know the English translation. The old man sang the song over and over and we were finally able to take down the following:

Wa kum kum munin
Kum baba yano
Lai lai tambe
Ashi boong a nomo
Shi wali go
Ashi quank.

* *Lee Ross, Ogeechestown, near Brownville.*
** *Tony William Delegal, Ogeechestown, near Brownville.*

A, [See Category 324, plate following p. xxxii-C--Analyst]
B, [See Category 532, plate following p. xxxii-B--Analyst]
C [See Category 142, plate following p. xxxii-G- t]